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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING JULY 15 (SALT TWO-669)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE STATEMENT ON OUR PROPOSAL FOR
SILO DIMENSIONS LIMITATION, EXPLAINING IN DETAIL ITS EFFECT
AND ENDED UP WITH STATEMENT REITERATING IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH
TO OUR DEFINITION OF HEAVY ICBM AND LIMIT THEREON.

2. SEMENOV'S STATEMENT PLAYED TO MAXIMUM THEIR ALLEGED MOVEMENT
ON PERIPHERAL ISSUES AND URGED DRAFTING GROUP GET AHEAD ON SUCH
ISSUES. HE ALSO MADE ANOTHER EXTENDED STATEMENT ON NON-TRANSFER.

3. IN OUR PRIVATE TALK SEMENOV FOLLOWED UP ON IMPORTANCE OF
PROGRESS ON PERIPHERAL ISSUES AND SUGGESTED THAT DRAFTING GROUP
BE CHARGED WITH MANY MORE SUBJECTS THAN THEIR PRESENT CHARGE
ON SCC TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ARTICLE IV OF JDT. HE SPECIFICALLY
MENTIONED ARTICLES III, VI AND VII AS ADDITIONAL ARTICLES FOR
DRAFTING GROUP TO WORK ON (2,400 AGGREGATE LIMIT, WHEN COUNTING
STARTS, AND TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS). I SAID HE SEEMED
TO BE MUCH MORE IMPRESSED THAN I WAS WITH MOVEMENT HE SAID
THEY HAD MADE ON SUBSTANCE OF PERIPHERAL ISSUES, BUT I NEVER-
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THELESS AGREED THEY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. CONSIDERING TIME

DRAFTING GROUP SPENT YESTERDAY ON SCC ARTICLE WITHOUT ANY MOVEMENT ON THEIR PART, I FELT THERE WAS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY OVERLOADING DRAFTING GROUP AGENDA. I SAID THAT I FELT THAT THEIR REFORMULATION OF MIRV DEFINITION IN ARTICLE II DESERVED EXCHANGE AND DISCUSSION AND SAID MY THOUGHT WAS THIS COULD BEST BE DONE BY DEFINITIONS GROUP (ROWNY AND TRUSOC). I RESPONSE HE SAID HE WOULD "HAVE TO CONSULT HIS DELEGATION" ON THIS. IN RESPONSE TO A STATEMENT BY HIM REJECTING ANY CHANGE IN PARA THREE OF ARTICLE XVII (NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS OF VERIFICATION), I SAID THAT WE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CHANGES WE HAD SUGGESTED AND, CONSIDERING HISTORY OF THIS ARTICLE, FELT THAT DISCUSSION COULD BEST TAKE PLACE IN VERIFICATION GROUP (MAY AND SCHUKIN). HE SAID THAT HE COULD NOT AGREE AND INTENDED TO MAKE STATEMENT IN PLENARY ON SUBJECT. I SAID HE WAS, OF COURSE, FREE TO DO SO AND AFTER HIS STATEMENT WE COULD DISCUSS HOW MATTER WOULD BE FOLLOWED UP. I ACCEPTED HIS SUGGESTION THAT WE HAVE PRIVATE MEETING OF CHIEFS OF DELEGATION THURSDAY FURTHER TO DISCUSS "PROGRAM OF WORK."

4. IN RESPONSE TO HIS STATEMENT AGAIN "CATEGORICALLY REJECTING" OUR POSITION ON BACKFIRE AND REITERATING THEIR POSITION ON CRUISE MISSILES, I SAID THAT I CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD HIS POSITION ON THESE SUBJECTS AND I HOPED THAT WITHOUT LINKING THEM OR PREJUDICE TO OTHER KEY ISSUES HE EQUALLY WELL UNDERSTOOD MY POSITION ON DEFINITION HEAVY ICBM AND CEILING THEREON. IN RESPONSE TO HIS STATEMENT ON NON-TRANSFER AND A REQUEST FOR MY REACTIONS, I SAID THAT I HAD NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED THAT IF USG ENTERED INTO THIS AGREEMENT THAT IT WOULD ATTEMPT BY "TRICKERY THROUGH THIRD PARTIES" TO CIRCUMVENT IT PROVISIONS. AT SUCH TIME AS CONTENTS OF AGREEMENT WERE CLEAR, I FE LT THAT "THIS ISSUE WOULD FALL INTO PLACE."

5. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING, JULY 18.

6. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING.
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